

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 5-14 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand allowed.

The amendments made herein to the specification and claims do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, the specification has simply been amended at page 1 to improve the English grammatical format thereof. Regarding the amendment to claim 5, this simply changes claim 5 to recite "a" photosensitive resin composition instead of "the" photosensitive resin composition.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Elections/Restrictions

Applicants acknowledge their prior election with traverse. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3, which were withdrawn from consideration (due to the earlier restriction requirement and election. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on cancelled claims 1-3.

Specification

Applicants have reviewed the specification and have corrected the same where deemed necessary to correct minor errors and/or to put the application into better English grammatical format.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koshiha et al. (US 4,963,463). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested based upon the cancellation of claim 4 herein.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 4 has been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 3 of co-pending application number 09/893,551. Withdrawal of the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is required based upon a cancellation of claim 4 herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants indicate that claims 5-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations

of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is noted that claim 5 is not a dependent claim. Instead, claim 5 is an independent claim from which each of remaining claims 6-14 ultimately depend. As such, it is submitted that claims 5-14 are now all in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments made herein and the remarks presented above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of pending claims 5-14 are allowable at present.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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